

15-17 S. Washinton Street (Commercial Building)  
(Tiffin Woolen Mill, Kildow Building,  
Gordon Lumber Company)  
Tiffin  
Seneca County  
Ohio

HABS No. OH-2327

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

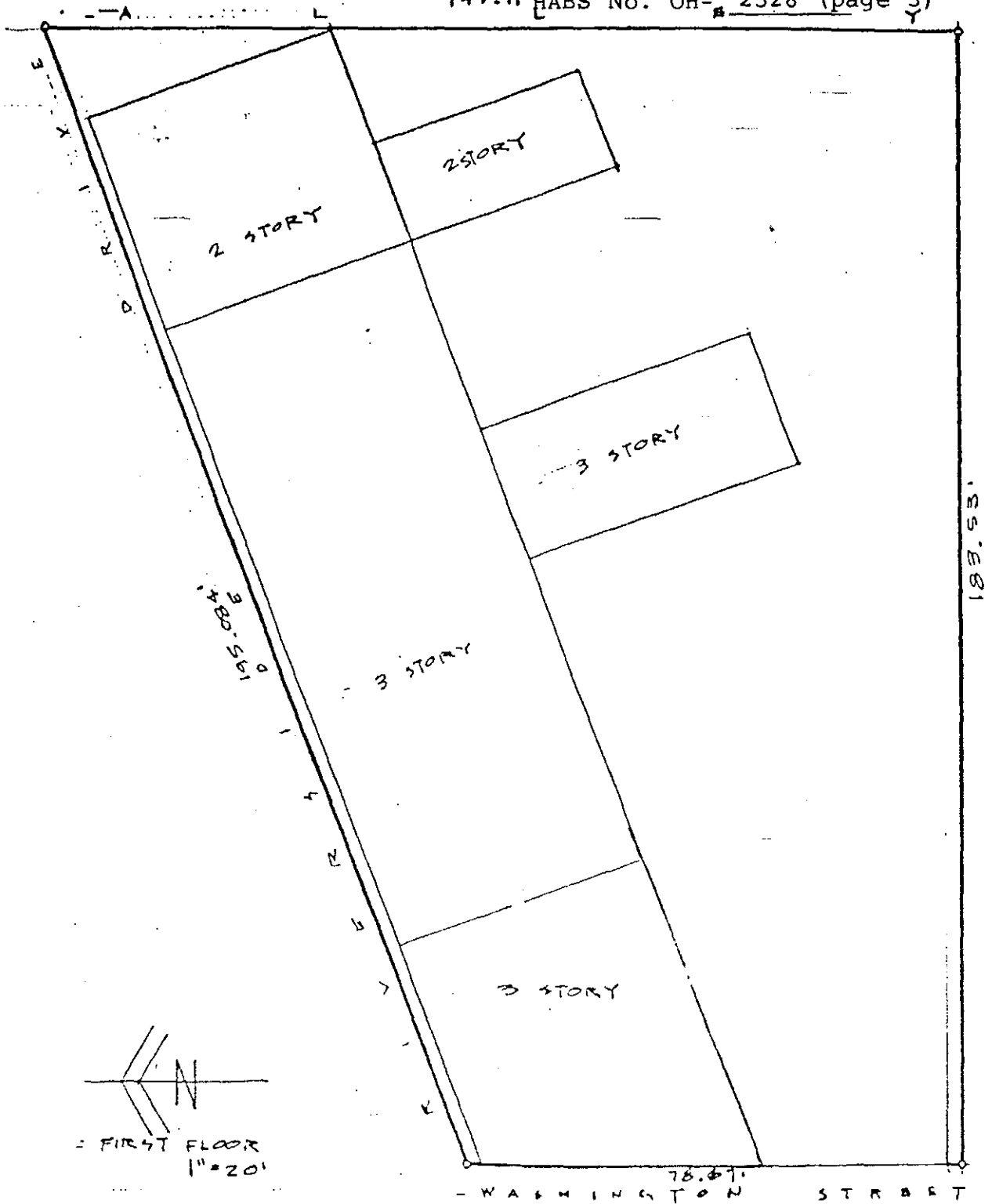
STATE Ohio	COUNTY Seneca	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Tiffin
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 15-17 S. Washington Street (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. OH-2327
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE (Tiffin Woolen Mill, Kildow Building, 'Gordon Lumber Company')		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 15-17 S. Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1863 (Ohio Historic Trust)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building was originally built as a woolen mill for manufacturing and exemplifies late 19th century brick manufacturing structures.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Brick Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry walls on limestone footings. Wooden floor and framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Building is roughly rectangular with 76 ft. frontage on Washington Street and 183 feet in depth (see sketch attached)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Flat roof; double sash windows topped by segmental arches; wooden cornice with dentils. The rear one story section of the building cornice includes corbeling.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor plan is attached. Interior has been reduced to a shell of bare wood framing. The building was never structurally altered to be different from its original use. Only partitions were built for commercial use.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A 3 story 22 ft.x 40 ft. additions was added in 1865 according to the Ohio Historic Inventory. The store front is also a later alteration, date unknown. It is thought that perhaps the building began as (see page 2)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Present condition is dilapidated with missing mortar, unstable leaking roof		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE fire and water damage, and pigeon infestation. The building and its adjoining building at 19-21 S. Washington St. is referred to as "twins" with many of the same features as twin buildings directly across S. Washington Street within the Tiffin Historic District		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Seneca County Museum Ohio Historic Trust Tiffin Historic Trust		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Paula A. Young, Tiffin Chamber of Commerce		DATE March 18, 1988

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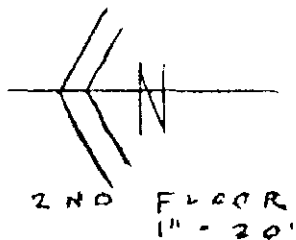
(Major Alterations, cont.)

a 1 story lean-to type facility located on Riverside Drive with the larger additions constructed as mentioned around 1863. Circa 1900, a two story structure was constructed adjoining the facility (19-21 S. Washington Street, OH-2328). This structure was used as part of the Woolen Mill until 1915 when it became the "Home Laundry". The adjoining addition has had several commercial uses since that date but has remained vacant since 1977.

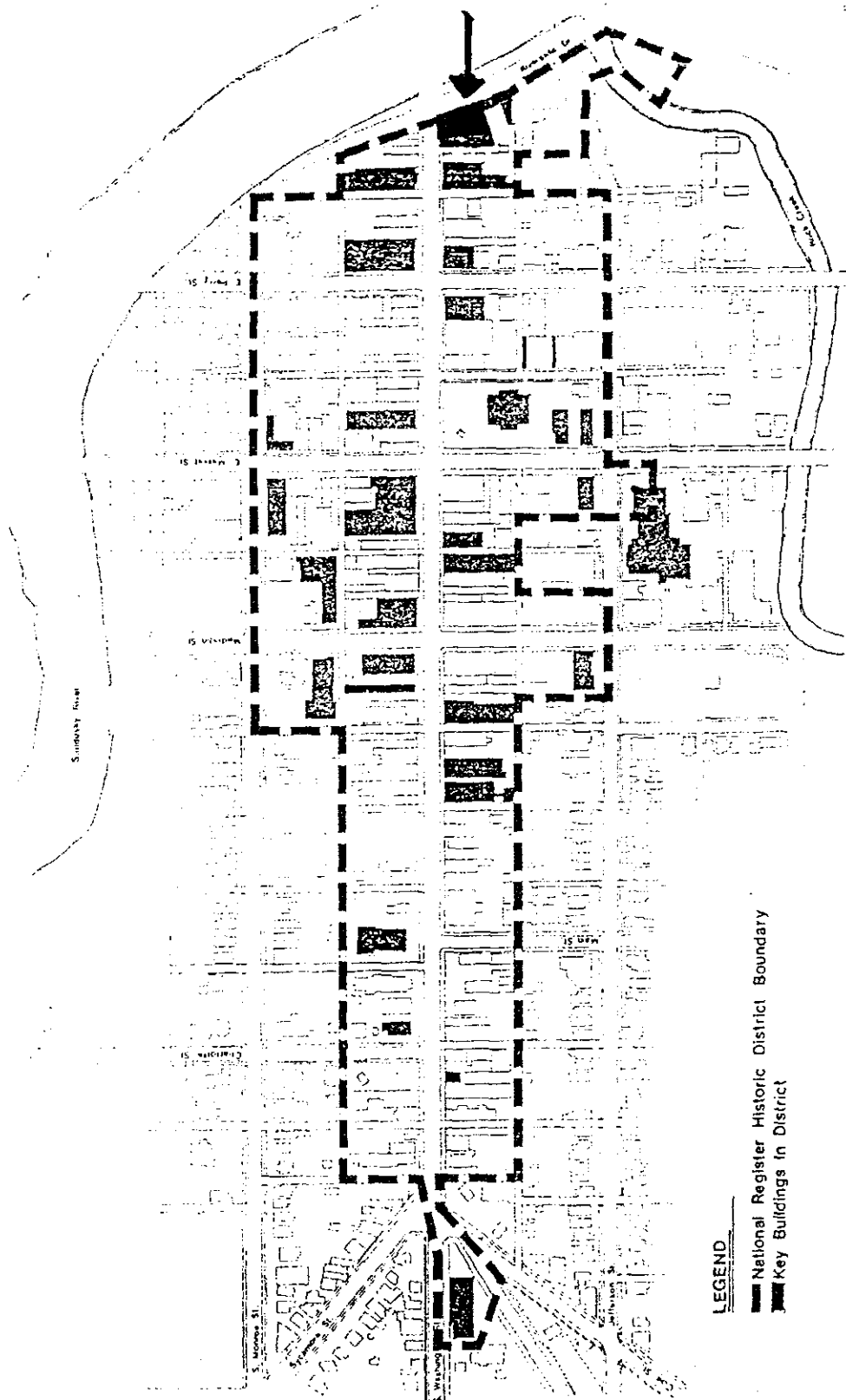
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Tiffin, Ohio

DOWNTOWN TIFFIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

### LEGEND

 National Register Historic District Boundary  
 Key Buildings in District



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